



Lifebox appoints Senait Bitew as Chief Program Officer

Addis Ababa/New York/London– December 4, 2024 – [Lifebox](#), the global safe surgery and anesthesia nonprofit, is excited to announce the appointment of [Senait Bitew](#) as its new Chief Program Officer. As Chief Program Officer, Senait will oversee implementation of all of Lifebox surgical and anesthesia safety and quality programs globally.

With over fifteen years of experience in global health, Senait brings to the role a wealth of expertise in program development, strategic planning, and leadership.

Her leadership as the Lifebox Head of Programs for East and Southern Africa has been instrumental in expanding Lifebox's reach, including implementing the Clean Cut surgical safety program and developing the Nursing Leadership for Surgical Excellence (NLSE) initiative.

“With Senait at the helm of our programs, I am confident that Lifebox will continue to make significant strides in improving surgical and anesthesia safety globally,” said Kris Torgeson, Lifebox Global CEO. *“Her dedication and proven track record make her the perfect fit to lead our global programmatic work.”*

“I am honored to step into the role of Chief Program Officer,” said Senait Bitew. *“I look forward to strengthening our programs’ impact, cultivating meaningful partnerships, and advancing our mission to ensure safer surgical care for patients Worldwide.”*

Lifebox congratulates Senait Bitew on her new appointment and looks forward to her leadership in advancing safer surgery and anesthesia globally.

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About Lifebox:

Lifebox is a global nonprofit that saves lives through safer surgery and anesthesia. Through tools, training, and partnerships, Lifebox addresses the critical gaps in surgical systems to make surgery and anesthesia safer worldwide. Lifebox focuses on three core areas: anesthesia safety, surgical teamwork, and reducing surgical infection. Co-founded by Dr. Atul Gawande in 2011, Lifebox has worked in 116 countries and trained more than 13,000 healthcare providers to make 248 million surgeries safer. To learn more about Lifebox, visit lifebox.org

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